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IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph at pg. 4, lines 2-11, of the published international application with the following amended paragraph:

-- Various orientations of oscillation and probe/surface relative translation may be used to cover the scan area. If the oscillation axis is stationary then a linear translation may be applied in a direction which is substantially orthogonal to the sweep of the oscillation, thereby defining a substantially rectangular scan area, as shown in Figure 4. If the relative translation is continuous, the scan area is rapidly covered by a single, continuous, zigzagging line. Alternatively, a circular arrangement may be generated by providing a relative rotation of probe and sample. Moreover, oscillation and translation may be arranged such that Lissajou figures are described by the probe, relative to the surface.--